

(3) From *The Bulletin* of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, issue of February 7, 1946:

A change in the procedure admitting applicants to membership in the Los Angeles County Medical Association was approved by the Council at its December meeting. At that meeting a committee known as a General Committee on Indoctrination was appointed: Dr. Jay J. Crane, Chairman, and Doctor L. A. Alesen, Howard W. Bosworth, E. T. Remmen, and Paul D. Quaintance.

The committee was instructed to develop and to put into effect a program providing for a series of lectures on subjects of importance to all doctors of medicine seeking membership in the Association—attendance of applicants at these lectures being necessary before their applications would be considered by the Council.

The General Committee on Indoctrination, at its first meeting January 14, announced the appointment of the following sub-committees—each sub-committee charged with presenting one of the six lecture courses:

*On Medical Organization*

E. T. Remmen, M.D., Chairman

*On Health Insurance*

Lowell S. Goin, M.D., Chairman

*On Medical Public Relations*

Paul A. Quaintance, M.D., Chairman

*On Medical Ethics*

Donald A. Charnock, M.D., Chairman

*On Medical Education and Medical Economics*

L. A. Alesen, M.D., Chairman

*On Medical Malpractice*

Donald G. Tollefson, M.D., Chairman

These lectures will be presented in the lounge of the Association, beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock on the 3rd and 4th Friday evenings of each month. The first lecture was presented January 25.

Dr. Regan stated that each chairman of the various sub-committees had assumed the responsibility of preparing a lecture. Following the lecture the applicants will have the privilege of asking questions. Dr. Regan expressed the hope that all members of the sub-committee presenting a subject at a given meeting, would attend that meeting.

Dr. Remmen said that a major objective sought in this program was that members of the committees could become acquainted with the applicants. He recommended that the meetings be so arranged that committee members would have the opportunity to interview the applicants to determine their attitude toward the Association, and to gain further information about their background.

Dr. Crowe moved that the plan as presented by Dr. Regan, including the composition and activities of the various committees, be approved by the General Indoctrination Committee. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

## **TWO IMPORTANT MEDICAL CONVENTIONS IN CALIFORNIA THIS YEAR—C.M.A. AT LOS ANGELES, MAY 7-10; A.M.A. IN SAN FRANCISCO, JULY 1-5**

**Los Angeles Session Will Transact Important Business.**—Now that VE and VJ days are behind us, California Medical Association will change in this year, 1946, from a two-day and streamlined week-end annual session, to one of four days duration.

Place will be Hotel Biltmore in Los Angeles;

the dates, Tuesday, May 7 through Friday, May 10.

The C.M.A. Committee on Scientific Work and Section Officers have been somewhat handicapped in the preparation of the scientific programs, because many members have been in military service, and the conditions under which civilian physicians have been carrying on their work, have not given much time for research and special studies.

It is hoped, however, to present scientific addresses, papers and panel discussions that will have appeal, and be of up-to-date interest and value. The complete programs will appear in the April issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

Much important business will be presented for consideration, to both the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association and Administrative Members of California Physicians' Service.

Social events will not be entirely forgotten. The dinner reception to retiring President Philip K. Gilman will take place in the Biltmore Bowl, where a large attendance of one thousand persons is almost a certainty.

C.M.A. members are requested to make note of the days of the meetings, and to arrange their schedules to permit attendance, if at all possible.

Younger members and physicians who have taken up their residence in California during the last several years are especially urged to attend; to learn for themselves the benefits that may be derived through contacts with fellow physicians, in both scientific and good fellowship conferences.

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**American Medical Session will Follow, in July, at San Francisco.**—The 74th annual session of the American Medical Association was held in San Francisco June 25-29, 1923, and the 94th annual convention, June 13-17, 1938. This year's annual conference of the A.M.A. will convene in San Francisco on Monday, July 1 and carry on through Friday, July 5.

According to A.M.A. custom, the local county medical association—San Francisco County Medical Society—rather than the California Medical Association will be the host of honor; although both organizations will work in close relationship in order to make this San Francisco session a great success.

Dr. John W. Cline was nominated to be chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and with his associates, he has gotten arrangements in good hand.

Because this is the first opportunity since beginning of World War II, for physicians throughout the United States to meet in annual conference, after the manner of former years, and because many physicians who have been working under stress and strain during the war years need a vacation, there is every indication that the

attendance at the annual A.M.A. session in July will be unusually large.

California physicians who have never attended an annual conference of the national medical organization should not miss this opportunity to be present, to better acquaint themselves with the bigness and broadness of the scientific and organizational activities of the American Medical Association.

#### STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

**A New State University Medical School in Los Angeles.**—Medical Education in California will have reason to record, A. D. 1946,—for in this current year, a new medical school has been created, as one of the departments of the University of California. The new institution will be located in Los Angeles,—perhaps as a professional school allied to the "University of California at Los Angeles." In CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE for February, the proposed school received comment on page 66.

Governor Earl Warren signed on Wednesday, February 20, the initial appropriation bill for \$7,500,000, enacted by the California Legislature.

Physicians throughout California welcome this new and much needed medical institution, and good wishes are voiced for a long and prosperous career. Congratulations are also extended to the group of medical and other citizens who carried on the campaign of education to show the need of an additional medical school in California, and to Governor Earl Warren for his generous support of the plan.

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**University of California Medical School in San Francisco.**—Old Toland College of San Francisco (1862-1906), absorbed by University of California in 1906, and since that time of increasing growth and influence, operating in buildings on the former Affiliated Colleges site, now known as San Francisco Medical Center, also receives a substantial addition to its capital funds. The Legislature approved Assemblyman Gardiner Johnson's bill for a \$4,000,000 appropriation, and on Wednesday, March 6, 1946, Governor Earl Warren signed the Act and made the money available. (For plan of buildings, see page 142.)

In addition, from former war-year sessions of the Legislature will come about \$2,000,000 that was earmarked for additional construction and facilities at the Medical Center; and designed to meet needs in the Medical Library and Departments of Dentistry and Pharmacy, and School of Nursing. (See in this issue, on page 141.)

For these appropriations to further develop the facilities and opportunities for service at the University of California Medical School in San Francisco, appreciation is likewise expressed by the medical profession.

#### V.A.-C.P.S.: PLAN WILL BE IN ACTIVE OPERATION IN MARCH

**Regional Offices Will Permit Early Operation of the V.A.-C.P.S. Plan.**—In the February issue of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL, the opening editorial referred to the important contract entered into between Federal Veterans' Administration and California Physicians' Service.

In the current issue, appears the fee schedule mutually accepted. (See page 144.)

Members should scan this schedule to convince themselves the fees that will be received for professional services to be rendered to soldiers and sailors of all recent wars (Spanish-American, World War I and World War II)—to whom all of us are under massive obligation—are equitable; and with certainty of payment, all that could, in fairness, be asked from the Government.

It is possible that California may shortly have within its borders as residents, as many as 2,000,000 veterans. This is a large segment of California's population, and a governmental plan that permits maintenance of private practice and individual physician-patient relationship for so many citizens, plus affiliations with their families and friends, is something, in troublous times such as the present, that is worthy of gratulation to all concerned.

The V.A. officers are establishing two regional bureaus in California, one for the northern and the other for the southern section of the State. To permit prompt checking and to expedite giving of professional services to eligible veterans by C.P.S. members, a V.A. physician with his own clerical aides has already been assigned to each of the C.P.S. offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

#### Pharmaceutical Profession Studying Medical Service Plans

The American Pharmaceutical Association and the National Association of Retail Druggists have appointed a Joint Committee to study various plans proposed to provide medical care in which either the insurance principle is applied, or in which state funds or federal funds are made available.

The purpose of this study is to determine the extent to which pharmacists and pharmaceutical associations may participate in working out these plans or suggesting modifications or substitutes for them.

The Committee has no preconceived ideas as to the recommendations which it wishes to make to the pharmacists of the Nation on this subject. It wishes to make a factual study of available plans and procedures and report the facts as they are found to the two national organizations as a basis for possible action.

*Antonj Van Leeuwenhoek (1632-1723).*—While Leeuwenhoek was not a physician and had no formal scientific training, he was a very great microscopist and contributed many "firsts" to the progress of medicine. Among them are his accurate representation of bacteria, spermatozoa, red blood cells, parasitic and entozoic protozoa; and a complete demonstration of the capillary connection between arteries and veins, providing the final link in the chain of Harvey's discovery of the circulation of the blood. His microscopes, which he made himself, had a maximum magnification of 160 diameters.—Warner's *Calendar of Medical History*.